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# Representative Terry Goodin

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Due to new state laws, you will be required to have a valid Indiana state picture ID to vote on Primary Election Day—May 2. Please visit my web-site, [www.in.gov/H66](http://www.in.gov/H66), to learn more about this law and how to obtain an identification card and rules concerning absentee voting.



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Goodin Votes NO on Selling Toll Road



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Property Tax Relief

# 2006 Session Report



# Additional Property Tax RELIEF

At the start of the 2006 session of the Indiana General Assembly, property tax relief was identified as a priority by members of both parties. When the smoke cleared, we were able to provide some relief for homeowners.



Rep. Goodin In 2007, the state homestead deduction will increase from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for one year only. This relief will provide an additional \$127 million in relief for homeowners.

Starting in 2008, the state will gradually phase in a cap on property tax bills at two percent of a home's value. This cap would apply to all classes of property in Indiana, starting in 2010.

While this relief is welcome, it still does not make up for the massive increases in local property taxes that were passed on to home and business owners through the biennial state budget approved in 2005 by the Republicans leading our state's government. At the time, that budget increased the burden on local property taxpayers to the tune of an estimated \$850 million.

And that means you are still going to see your property taxes go up when you get your next tax bill. The time to have enacted true, lasting property tax relief was 2005, but nothing was done by those in charge.

# Major Moves Goodin votes **NO** on selling Toll Road

More than anything else, the 2006 session of the Indiana General Assembly will be remembered for Major Moves, the governor's program to sell the Indiana Toll Road for \$3.8 billion to a foreign group for the next 75 years.

This proposal became law, despite public opposition at a level I have never seen before. In large numbers, the people of Indiana said they did not want a public asset built with their tax dollars handed over to a foreign corporation, which then will pocket all profits generated by the toll road for 75 years. I heard you and voted **AGAINST** the plan, but our concerns were not enough to change the minds of the majorities in control of the Indiana House and Senate.

Now that Major Moves has become law, what will happen in Indiana?

From now until 2081, when Hoosiers travel the Indiana Toll Road, their tolls will be sent overseas.

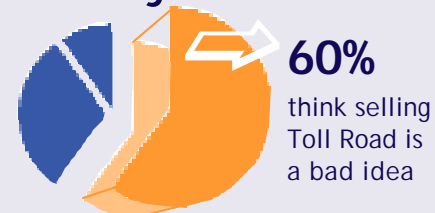
The governor says Indiana will begin work on around 200 road and bridge projects with the \$3.8 billion received from the foreign investors. I believe the sale doesn't provide enough funding to pay for all of the Major Moves projects promised by the governor.

An extension of Interstate 69 from Evansville to Indianapolis will be built, but the completion of that project will be delayed because Marion County lawmakers demanded a new location at the northern end of the extension. No one can say when construction on the I-69 extension will be completed.

When that extension is built, it will be a toll road, likely owned and operated by a foreign company. After the demands of some Republican Marion County legislators, the I-69 extension will be a toll road from Evansville to Martinsville, but not from Martinsville to Indianapolis.

The implications of Major Moves will be felt in Indiana for years to come. If anything, more time was needed to fully analyze the impact of Major Moves. I fear we will be finding out more and more disturbing details about it as time goes on.

## Hoosiers Voice Opposition to Major Moves



Source: Indianapolis Star statewide poll, March 2006.



# Goodin backed initiatives become law

## FUNERAL PROTESTS



New legislation increases the penalty for disorderly conduct occurring near the location of a funeral, memorial service, or viewing. The bill is largely in response to a group from Kansas that has chosen to stage protests at the funerals of Hoosier soldiers killed in action, using the occasion to make a political statement.

## SEX OFFENDERS

A series of bills continue our state's efforts to crack down on sex offenders. The bills clarify the designation of "sexually violent predator," require sex offenders to wear GPS tracking devices, establish lifetime parole for these offenders, ban sex offenders' access to locations where children may be present, keep better track of sex offenders' whereabouts with the new DOC sex offender registry, and make the crime of human trafficking of a minor a felony.

## MILITARY RELIEF FUND

We established the military relief fund to provide grants for Hoosiers whose family members have been called into duty since September 11, 2001. A portion of the money for the fund will be raised through the sale of a new Hoosier veteran license plate created through the bill.

## DRUG ABUSE AND CHILDREN

At least two pieces of legislation this session attempt to regulate controlled substances abuse through study and harsher penalties for crimes related to drug abuse. One increases the penalties for neglect of a child if the neglect is a result of drug abuse or production, while another authorizes the study of the effects of substance abuse or alcohol use during pregnancy.

## FIGHTING METH

We have continued the crackdown on production of methamphetamine by allowing the destruction of contaminated equipment that was used to produce meth. These statewide regulations for meth labs will create uniform reporting and detection that will help law enforcement agencies get a handle on the problem.

## HELPING INJURED DRIVERS

Law enforcement officers and health care professionals will have an easier time identifying serious medical conditions of injured or impaired drivers. The bill allows medical condition symbols to be included on Indiana driver's licenses and permits.

## NEW LICENSE PLATES

New legislation requires the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to issue personalized license plates annually. Other bills also authorized new specialized license plates, including an In God We Trust plate, a disabled veterans plate, the use of antique license plates on antique cars, and a specialty plate for motorcyclists.



Rep. Goodin debates legislation on the House floor.

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION

All counties in Indiana may now set up an emergency telephone notification system to warn Hoosiers in the event of an emergency or impending disaster.

## AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

We worked to combat road rage by making aggressive driving a Class A misdemeanor or a felony if it results in the injury or death of another person.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT FRAUD



The circumstances under which home improvement fraud can now be prosecuted have been expanded. The bill increases the penalties for home improvement fraud if the improvements were made on the property of a senior citizen or if more than two clauses of home improvement laws were violated.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

We established the procedure for a public health authority to obtain or issue an order to restrict the movement of an individual when there is evidence that the person has been exposed to a communicable disease. The bill also requires a public health authority to distribute certain information about the disease and quarantine procedures to the public.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

New legislation establishes emergency management mobile support teams and legalizes the extension of full-time state employee protections to the members of these volunteer medical teams for the duration of their service. Establishing these mobile support teams and then honoring them for their service are two ways to take steps forward in improving Indiana's approach to disaster relief.

## DOMESTIC BATTERY

Persons guilty of domestic battery now face harsher penalties. New legislation makes domestic battery, including strangulation, a Class D felony if it is knowingly committed in the presence of a child under the age of 16 or if the offender has committed a previous substantially-related crime in Indiana.